



January 25, 2018

<p>SUBJECT</p> <p>STATE AND FEDERAL BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE</p> <p>Strategic Priority Area 3. Public Will and Investment: Build public engagement in, investment in, and support of the optimal well-being and development of children prenatal through age 5, their families, and communities.</p> <p>Goal 3.2. Legislative Engagement and Leadership: Advocate for and influence policy change, both directly and in partnership with First 5 county commissions and other allies, from the local to federal levels that increase investments to improve conditions for children prenatal through age 5 and their families.</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Information</p>
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SUMMARY OF THE ISSUE

First 5 California (F5CA) staff will provide an update on the revised F5CA Children’s Policy Agenda, year two of the 2017–18 State Legislative Session, the release of the Governor’s 2018–19 Proposed Budget, and initial F5CA “Level 1 and 2” Priority Bills of Interest for the second half of the 2017–18 Legislative Session. Staff also will provide a federal policy update.

RECOMMENDATION

F5CA staff is not requesting action at this time.

BACKGROUND OF KEY ISSUES

2018–19 Children’s Policy Agenda

The Children’s Policy Agenda (see Attachment A) is a framework for prioritizing the Commission’s involvement in state and federal legislative advocacy as well as administrative advocacy. The Children’s Policy Agenda continues to prioritize the three

policy areas highlighted in F5CA's Strategic Plan—Strong and Engaged Families and Communities, Child Health, and Early Learning—as well as Revenue.

2018 California State Legislative Session

With the launch of the 2018 legislative season, many bills of interest to F5CA and consistent with the Children's Policy Agenda have already been introduced and are outlined in F5CA's 2018 Legislative Bills of Interest (see Attachment B). Attachment B is a list of all state legislation introduced and amended by January 16, 2018, in the two-year regular session that matched the policy agenda. Bills listed as "Level 1" are legislation determined by staff to be consistent with the Policy Agenda and requiring Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) consideration for an active position. Bills listed as "Level 2" are being tracked passively by F5CA staff and may be considered by the LAC for an active position in the future if amendments to the bills' content better align with the Policy Agenda. All legislation and budget positions recommended by the Committee are adopted by the Executive Director and will be tracked by staff for public letters and public testimony in legislative hearings consistent with the Commission position.

The Legislative Women's Caucus continues to cite early learning and family-friendly policies as priorities for the caucus' bipartisan and bicameral work, and Assembly Speaker Rendon's Blue Ribbon Commission on Early Learning continues to convene and deliberate large-scale changes to the early learning system. The combination of these two leadership spotlights promises another interesting year in the world of early childhood education on both the fiscal and policy fronts.

Of the early bill introductions, F5CA staff is tracking the following legislation introduced early in the legislative session (as of January 16, 2018):

Child Health

AB 11 (McCarty) would codify language around developmental screenings and clarify that providers are: 1) required to adhere to the Bright Futures screening periodicity for children 0 to 3; and 2) required to use a validated screening tool for services made available under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Program. This legislation is sponsored by the First 5 Association.

SJR 15 (Dodd) would urge the United States Congress to act swiftly to reauthorize the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for at least 5 years.

Early Learning

AB 605 (Mullin) would create a single, Integrated Child Care Center License for child care centers serving children from birth through kindergarten entrance.

AB 1754 (McCarty) would require the state to provide all low-income four-year-old children from working families with access to early care and education programs.

The legislative deadline is February 16, 2018, for new legislation to be introduced.

Governor's 2018–19 Proposed Budget

On January 10, 2018, Governor Brown introduced his Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018–19. The Governor's January Budget proposal reflects a new recognition from the Administration regarding the need for core investments in early childhood, with modest investments in a variety of supports during these crucial early years. The proposal:

- Maintains the early childhood education multi-year deal on increased per-child funding rates and new preschool spaces
- Provides modest new progress on quality early learning, as well as support for new parents:
 - Proposes new home-visiting funding support for CalWORKS families
 - Creates one-time grants to expand early education classrooms to prepare for inclusive quality child care and preschool services
 - Increases child care per-child funding rates—the backbone of our system—beyond the multi-year deal
 - Recognizes the importance of workforce training and education for child care teachers with the Community College Online proposal
 - Implements budget deal for increased DentiCal service rates

While F5CA is heartened by the Governor's proposal, which is more supportive of early childhood and child care issues than any January Budgets in over a decade, there still is a long way to go in this budget year. According to the California Budget and Policy Center, 1.2 million eligible children still lack access to high-quality child care that meets their working parents' needs. The 218,000 child care spaces currently funded by the State Budget only serves 14 percent of eligible infants and toddlers, 38 percent of 3-year-olds, and 68 percent of 4-year-olds. With a need so great, and an investment value fire-tested by research, it is hard to imagine not finding increased access funding in a surplus budget.

This year's January Budget is projecting a record \$190.3 billion in expenditures, an increase of over \$5 billion from the FY 17–18 Budget Act. Below is an overview of proposed Budget items of interest to F5CA and its Strategic Plan.

Strong and Engaged Families

Provides One-time Funding for CalWORKS Home Visiting Supports. The Budget includes \$26.7 million for a voluntary Home Visiting pilot program, which will continue through 2021 for young, first-time parents in the CalWORKs program. The goal of the home visiting pilot is to help young families reach self-sufficiency by improving family engagement practices, supporting healthy development of young children living in poverty, and preparing parents for employment. A total of \$158.5 million in one-time

TANF funds is being reserved for the pilot's total costs through calendar year 2021.
Note: Currently no funds for Home Visiting are contained in the State Budget.

Early Learning

Increases Child Care and Preschool Programs by \$175.4 Million. The Governor's budget includes nearly \$4.4 billion in federal and state funds for child care and preschool programs (including transitional kindergarten). The budget also includes \$176 million in new one-time funds for child care programs.

Annualizes Funding and Adds New Slots For Full-Day State Preschool. The budget includes \$19 million to annualize the 2,959 full-day State Preschool slots for local educational agencies set to be initiated April 1, 2018, and an extra \$8 million to add an additional 2,959 full-day State Preschool slots at local educational agencies (LEA) starting April 1, 2019.

Annualizes Funding For Regional Market Rate (RMR) Increases Initiated in 2017–18. The Governor's budget provides \$21 million to annualize funding for the January 1, 2018, increase of the RMR. (The 2017–18 budget increased the RMR from the 75th percentile of the 2014 survey to the 75th percentile of the 2016 survey.)

Annualizes Funding for Emergency Child Care Bridge Program. The budget includes \$20 million to annualize the emergency child care bridge program initiated January 1, 2018, for total program funding of \$40 million.

Increases Funding for State Standard Reimbursement Rate (SRR). The budget includes \$47.73 million to increase the SRR by 2.795% for all preschool and general child care programs.

Permanently Extends Hold Harmless for RMR. The budget includes \$17 million to permanently extend the RMR hold harmless provision so that no provider receives less than it received in FY 2015–16. Under current law, this provision was set to expire December 31, 2018.

Provides One-time Funding for Early Education Expansion Grant. The budget includes \$167 million in one-time funding (\$125 million Proposition 98 General Fund and \$42 million TANF) for a competitive grant to increase the availability of inclusive early education care to children ages 0 to 5. The grant, open to both LEA and non-LEA providers, can be used for a variety of activities, including facility renovations, training, and equipment.

Provides One-time Increase for Quality Services. The budget includes \$9 million in one-time federal carryover funds for quality improvement activities.

Applies a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and Statutory Growth Adjustment for Non-CalWORKs Child Care Programs. The budget includes \$50 million for a 2.51 percent COLA for non-CalWORKs child care and State Preschool programs.

Makes Adjustments for Changes in CalWORKs Child Care Caseload and Average Cost of Care. The budget includes a net increase of \$396,000 to reflect changes in CalWORKs caseload and cost of care. This includes a \$4 million increase in Stage 1, a \$16 million decrease in Stage 2, and a \$12 million increase in Stage 3.

Expands Community College Online Support to Child Care Workers. The budget includes an increase of \$120 million to establish a fully online community college that provides scheduling flexibility and more accessible learning options for the child development workforce.

Decreases child care spaces in all non-CalWORKs programs. The budget also decreases non-CalWORKs child care and preschool slots by \$9 million, citing a 0.48 percent decrease in the birth-to-four population in California.

Child Health

Increases funding rates for DentiCal services. Includes an increase of \$232.8 million in Prop. 56 revenue for supplemental payments and rate increases approved in the 2017 Budget Act. Of the increased amount, \$163 million is for physician payments and \$70 million is for dental payments.

First 5 California 2018 Budget Priorities

At the December 13, 2017, LAC Meeting, the Committee advised F5CA staff to approve budget priorities for 2018 in line with the Early Care and Education Coalition's 2018 priorities. The LAC again placed priority on reminding state leadership of the enormous remaining child care access gap that affects an estimated 1.2 million eligible children and the role of quality child care in reducing childhood poverty. The LAC advised F5CA staff to prioritize investments that increase access and expand programs that serve children birth through age 2, and support child care providers in restoring and building out their service capacity. F5CA staff will work with the Early Care and Education Coalition on these priorities in the coming budget debates.

Federal Policy Update

With things in Washington moving at a rapid pace, it is likely that much will happen between the day this item is drafted and the day of the Commission meeting. The following updates are current as of January 11, 2018.

Appropriations

On December 22, Congress passed the third Continuing Resolution (CR) for this fiscal year (FY18), keeping government operations funded through January 19. Congress cannot pass FY18 appropriations bills until they reach agreement on spending levels for FY18. This latest CR gave Congress only four weeks to reach agreement on spending levels (likely to include spending levels for FY19) and to pass an omnibus appropriations bill. If they cannot pass the FY18 appropriations bills by January 19, they must pass another stop-gap CR.

Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

The December 22 CR included short-term funding for CHIP through March to avoid a crisis in the program, as a number of states anticipated running out of funds for CHIP as early as January. It is not clear at this point how the necessary CHIP extension moves forward after March.

Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV)

The timing of MIECHV's reauthorization remains unclear given the uncertainty in Congress. MIECHV should be part of a larger health extender's package, and F5CA is optimistic that when it does get reauthorized, it will be funded at \$400 million/year. The Home Visiting Coalition is pushing for the reauthorization to occur at the same time another CR is passed later in January.

Higher Education

On December 13, the House Education and Workforce Committee approved a proposal to reauthorize the Higher Education Act on strictly party lines. The bill takes important steps to simplify the financial aid process, and includes proposals to strengthen work study and work-based learning programs, and to provide new information that helps students make informed financial decisions before embarking on postsecondary education.

However, among other provisions, the bill would consolidate and eliminate a number of programs important to low-income students and early childhood education, including eliminating the Title II Teacher Quality Partnership grants, the major source of federal funding for educator preparation, as well as the public service loan forgiveness program. The bill would create apprenticeship programs only for high-wage professions and generally make it harder for low-income students to pursue higher education.

F5CA recently signed onto a joint statement expressing deep concerns with the Committee bill, which can be found on the F5CA [website](#).

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

The Legislative Update is a standing item for Commission discussion.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. 2018–19 Children's Policy Agenda
- B. 2018 Legislative Bills of Interest, Priority Level 1 and 2 Bills



Vision: California's children receive the best possible start in life and thrive.

2018–19 CHILDREN'S POLICY AGENDA

First 5 California will advocate for the strong start all children deserve, with an emphasis on children prenatal through age 5 and their families, to optimize early childhood development and reduce childhood poverty.

STRONG AND ENGAGED FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
Support evidence-based parent education and engagement, including parent engagement on child brain development and Talk. Read. Sing.
Support sustainability of Family Resource Centers and other comprehensive community hubs for integrated services for children and families.
Increase supports for breastfeeding, family leave, and baby-friendly policies in all settings.
Expand voluntary home visit programs.
CHILD HEALTH
Protect children and families' access to health care, and support coordination across the health care system to ensure every pregnant mother and child ages 0 to 5 has affordable and comprehensive health insurance coverage.
Support and promote universal developmental screenings, assessment, referral, and treatment.
EARLY LEARNING
Expand access to quality early care and education programs for children ages 0 to 3.
Support implementation of high-quality universal preschool access for all low-income four-year-old children, and high-quality transitional kindergarten and kindergarten state-wide.
Support a high-quality early learning workforce through strengthened qualifications, compensation, stability, diversity, and robust professional development systems.
Promote statewide access to and participation in successful Quality Rating and Improvement Systems.
REVENUE
Promote inclusion of funding for children ages 0 to 5 and their families in existing and new revenue policy discussions.
Promote regulation of tobacco-related products, including electronic cigarettes, and sustainability of licensing and enforcement programs.

2018 Legislative Bills of Interest
Priority Level 1 and 2 Bills
Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Child Health

- [AB 11](#) **(McCarty D) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: screening services.**
Current Text: Amended: 1/10/2018 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Location: 1/10/2018-A. APPR.
Summary: This bill would make various findings and declarations regarding child care and would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the Early Head Start-Child Care-Early Intervention Partnership and provide funding to establish classroom-based early intervention services to Early Head Start-Child Care programs.
Support
- [AB 15](#) **(Maienschein R) Denti-Cal program: reimbursement rates.**
Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)
Location: 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR
Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to increase Denti-Cal provider reimbursement rates for the 15 most common prevention, treatment, and oral evaluation services to the regional average commercial rates, effective January 1, 2018.
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)
[Assembly Health Letter](#)
Note: Policy provisions enacted through 2017–18 final Budget Act (AB 99).
- [AB 160](#) **(Stone, Mark D) CalWORKs: eligibility.**
Current Text: Introduced: 1/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)
Location: 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR
Summary: This bill would provide that a parent or caretaker relative shall not be eligible for CalWORKs aid when he or she has received aid for a cumulative total of 60 months, up from 48 months. This bill would increase the amount of exempted disability-based unearned income and other earned income, as specified. The bill would also make other, conforming changes. By increasing county administrative duties relating to the CalWORKs program, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- [AB 164](#) **(Arambula D) Food assistance.**
Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)
Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR
Summary: This bill would require the department to develop a system to respond to changing needs for food assistance and to provide benefits for specific needs. Current law establishes the CalFood Program, formerly known as the State Emergency Food Assistance Program, administered by the State Department of Social Services, whose primary function is to facilitate the distribution of food to low-income households. The bill would set forth criteria for the system, including requiring the system to be compatible with and utilize the EBT in accordance with federal law governing the use of EBT.

[AB 177](#)

(Chávez R) Child abuse and neglect: reporting.

Current Text: Amended: 2/21/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 2

Location: 1/12/2018-A. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Summary: This bill would require a child protective services agency investigating a case of child abuse or neglect involving an allegation against the parent or guardian of the child to attempt to determine if the parent or guardian is a member of the military. The bill would provide that if it is determined that the parent or guardian is a member of the military, the child protective services agency would be required to notify the Family Advocacy Program of the Department of Defense that there is an allegation of abuse or neglect that relates to the parent or guardian who is a member of the military.

[AB 236](#)

(Maienschein R) CalWORKs: housing assistance.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/7/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/7/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: As part of the CalWORKs program, a homeless family that has used all available liquid resources in excess of \$100 is eligible for homeless assistance benefits to pay the costs of temporary shelter if the family is eligible for aid under the CalWORKs program. This bill would provide that homeless assistance is available to homeless families that would be eligible for aid under the CalWORKs program but for the fact that the only child or children in the family are in out-of-home placement pursuant to an order of the dependency court, if the family is receiving reunification services and the county determines that homeless assistance is necessary for reunification to occur.

[AB 244](#)

(Cervantes D) Maternal mental health.

Current Text: Amended: 3/21/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 2

Location: 1/12/2018-A. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Summary: This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to address the shortage of treatment options for women suffering from maternal mental health disorders, including postpartum depression and anxiety disorders, and to encourage the implementation of a single county telepsychiatry referral pilot program that would help build the capacity of health providers serving pregnant and postpartum women up to one year after delivery to effectively prevent, identify, and manage depression and other mental health conditions.

[AB 247](#)

(Garcia, Cristina D) Public health: childhood lead poisoning: Lead Advisory Task Force.

Current Text: Vetoed: 10/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/13/2017-A. VETOED

Summary: This bill would require, by April 1, 2018, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment to convene a Lead Advisory Taskforce, with a prescribed membership, to review and advise regarding policies and procedures to reduce childhood lead poisoning in the state. The bill would require the taskforce to publish a recommended regulatory agenda that would identify sources of lead and ensure that regulatory standards are protective of health in the state, as specified.

[AB 320](#)

(Cooley D) Child Advocacy Centers.

Current Text: Amended: 3/20/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 5/12/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would authorize a county to initiate a formal interagency protocol agreement to create multidisciplinary teams in order to implement a coordinated

multidisciplinary response to intervention in reports involving child physical or sexual abuse, exploitation, or maltreatment. The bill would require a county that initiates an interagency protocol agreement to include as members of the multidisciplinary team representatives from the district attorney's office, local city and county law enforcement agencies, and the child protective services agency, and would require the interagency protocol agreement to be signed by all members of the multidisciplinary team.

[AB 340](#)

([Arambula](#) D) Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: trauma screening.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would require, consistent with federal law, that screening services under the EPSDT program include screening for trauma, as defined by the bill and as specified. The bill also would require the Department of Health Care Services, in consultation with the State Department of Social Services and others, to adopt, employ, and develop, as appropriate, tools and protocols for screening children for trauma and would authorize the department to implement, interpret, or make specific the screening tools and protocols by means of all-county letters, plan letters, or plan or provider bulletins, as specified.

[AB 597](#)

([Stone, Mark](#) D) Child abuse and neglect: information: computerized database system.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/8/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/8/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would provide that provider agencies also include local educational agencies. The bill would authorize a county to also participate with an established computerized database system between and among counties and would authorize a county to share information, as specified, for research purposes.

[AB 654](#)

([Maienschein](#) R) Pediatric home health care.

Current Text: Amended: 3/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would require the Department of Public Health, on or before January 1, 2018, to establish an incentive-based, supplemental payment program, as defined, which would apply to licensed home health agencies that treat children who are receiving continuous nursing care or private nursing services through the Medi-Cal program. The purpose of the program would be to increase access to quality in-home nursing services and encouraging additional home health agencies to participate in nursing care for children receiving Medi-Cal services.

[AB 753](#)

([Caballero](#) D) Denti-Cal: improved access.

Current Text: Amended: 3/29/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 1/12/2018-A. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Support

Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Health Care Services to implement specified initiatives designed to significantly improve access to dental services for adults and children in the Medi-Cal program consistent with the California Healthcare, Research and Prevention Tobacco Tax Act of 2016. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

[AB 834](#)

(O'Donnell D) School-based health programs.

Current Text: Amended: 6/15/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 2

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would require the State Department of Education to, no later than July 1, 2018, establish an Office of School-Based Health Programs for the purpose of, among other things, administering health-related programs under the purview of the State Department of Education and advising on issues related to the delivery of school-based Medi-Cal services in the state. The bill would authorize the office to develop a workgroup for the purpose of assisting the office's efforts that shall be representative of the diversity of California LEAs and include representatives of specified entities involved in the delivery of school-based Medi-Cal services, as specified.

[AB 1098](#)

(McCarty D) Child death investigations: review teams.

Current Text: Amended: 5/26/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law authorizes each county to develop a protocol to be used as a guideline by persons performing autopsies on children to assist coroners and other persons who perform autopsies in the identification of child abuse or neglect, in the determination of whether child abuse or neglect contributed to death or whether child abuse or neglect had occurred prior to but was not the actual cause of death, and in the proper written reporting procedures for child abuse or neglect, including the designation of the cause and mode of death. This bill would make the provisions described above mandatory for each county.

[AB 1110](#)

(Burke D) Pupil health: eye and vision examinations.

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires a pupil's vision to be appraised by a school nurse or other authorized person in the pupil's kindergarten year or upon first enrollment in elementary school, and in grades 2, 5, and 8, unless the appraisal is waived by the pupil's parents upon presentation of a certificate from a physician and surgeon, a physician assistant, or an optometrist. This bill would require a pupil's vision to be appraised in accordance with the above-specified provisions only if the pupil's parent or guardian fails to provide the results of a vision examination conducted by a physician, optometrist, or ophthalmologist in accordance with specified provisions.

[AB 1340](#)

(Maienschein R) Continuing medical education: mental and physical health care integration.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/13/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would require the Medical Board of California to consider including in its continuing education requirements a course in integrating mental and physical health care in primary care settings, especially as it pertains to early identification of mental health issues in children and young adults and their appropriate care and treatment.

[AB 1520](#)

(Burke D) Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/2/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/2/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Support

Summary: Would establish the Lifting Children and Families Out of Poverty Task Force, consisting of specified stakeholders, for purposes of researching, analyzing, and

providing guidance to the Legislature in supporting California's efforts on lifetime wellness, self-sufficiency, and economic strength in families and communities throughout the state. The bill would require the task force to report to the Legislature on its projections of how the Governor's budget proposal will impact the child poverty rate in California.

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Concurrence Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Floor Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)
[Support Letter](#)

[AB 1601](#)

(Bloom D) Hearing aids: minors.

Current Text: Amended: 3/16/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires health care service plan contracts and health insurance policies to provide coverage for specified benefits. This bill, until January 1, 2020, would require a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2018, to include coverage for hearing aids for an enrollee or insured under 18 years of age, as specified.

[SB 18](#)

(Pan D) Bill of Rights for the Children and Youth of California: joint legislative committee.

Current Text: Amended: 4/3/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 5/12/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to expand and codify the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth of California to establish a comprehensive framework that governs the rights of all children and youth in California, outlines the research-based essential needs of California's children, and establishes standards relating to the health, safety, well-being, early childhood and educational opportunities, and familial supports necessary for all children to succeed.

Support

[SB 300](#)

(Monning D) Sugar-sweetened beverages: health warnings.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 1/12/2018-S. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Summary: This bill would establish the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Health Warning Act, which would prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a sugar-sweetened beverage in a sealed beverage container, or a multipack of sugar-sweetened beverages, in this state unless the beverage container or multipack bears a health warning, as prescribed.

Support

[Senate Support Letter](#)

[SB 379](#)

(Atkins D) Pupil health: oral health assessment.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/13/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires a public school, using a standardized notification form developed and posted online by the State Department of Education in consultation with interested persons, to notify parents and legal guardians of the oral health assessment

requirement for students enrolled in kindergarten, or in specified circumstances, first grade in a public school. This bill would require the department to also consult with the State Dental Director in developing and posting online the standardized notification form and would require the department, in consultation with those entities, to revise the standardized form as necessary. The bill would require the standardized form to include specified information on parental rights relating to school site oral health assessments.

[SB 707](#)

([Cannella](#) R) Medi-Cal: Denti-Cal Advisory Group.

Current Text: Introduced: 2/17/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 1/16/2018-S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: This bill would, until January 1, 2023, establish the Denti-Cal Advisory Group in the Department of Health Care Services, as specified, for the purpose of studying the policies and priorities of Denti-Cal with the goal of raising the Denti-Cal utilization rate among eligible child beneficiaries to 60% or greater, providing assistance and advice to the department, the Legislature, and the Governor to ensure that proposed decisions relating to the Denti-Cal program are based on the best available evidence, and studying and evaluating how Denti-Cal program policies align with and support the implementation of the state oral health plan.

Early Learning and Care

[AB 26](#)

([Caballero](#) D) Child care and development: child care resource and referral programs: assistance to license-exempt child care providers.

Current Text: Vetoed: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/12/2017-A. VETOED

Summary: Current law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to contract with entities organized under law to operate family child care home education networks as provided. Current law provides that it does not impose any new requirements on a family child care home education network. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to this latter provision.

[AB 60](#)

([Santiago](#) D) Subsidized child care and development services: eligibility periods.

Current Text: Introduced: 12/7/2016 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 7/21/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would require that a family, upon establishing initial eligibility or ongoing eligibility for services under the Child Care and Development Services Act, be considered to meet all eligibility requirements for those services for not less than 12 months, receive those services for not less than 12 months before having its eligibility redetermined, and not be required to report changes to income or other changes for at least 12 months, except as provided. The bill would revise the definition of "income eligible" and provide that the definition applies for purposes of establishing initial income eligibility for services under the act, and would add a definition of "ongoing income eligible" for purposes of establishing ongoing income eligibility for services under the act.

Support

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)
[Assembly First Budget Request Letter](#)
[Senate First Budget Request Letter](#)
[Senate Budget Agenda Letter](#)
[Assembly Budget Agenda Letter](#)
[Assembly Budget Request Letter](#)
[Senate Budget Request Letter](#)
[Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Human Services Letter](#)

Note: Policy provisions enacted through 2017–18 final Budget Act (AB 99).

[AB 170](#)

(O'Donnell D) Teacher credentialing.

Current Text: Chaptered: 7/25/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 7/24/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Support

Summary: This bill would no longer require, for issuance of a multiple subject teaching credential or a preliminary multiple subject teaching credential, that the baccalaureate degree be in a subject other than professional education.

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[AB 203](#)

(O'Donnell D) School facilities: design and construction: report: regulations.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/15/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/15/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would also require those standards to ensure that the design and construction of school facilities provide school districts with flexibility in designing instructional facilities. Current law requires the State Department of Education to establish standards for use by school districts to ensure that the design and construction of school facilities are educationally appropriate and promote school safety.

[AB 231](#)

(Chávez R) Subsidized child care: eligibility.

Current Text: Amended: 2/21/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 1/12/2018-A. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Summary: The Child Care and Development Services Act requires families to meet certain requirements in various areas to be eligible for federal and state subsidized child development services. The act authorizes the Superintendent of Public Instruction to enter into and execute local contractual agreements with any public or private entity or agency for the delivery of child care and development services. This bill would limit a family to a total of not more than 8 years of state-funded child care and development services per child under the act.

[AB 258](#)

(Arambula D) Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plan: County of Fresno.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Support

Summary: This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2025, the County of Fresno to develop an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Fresno County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[AB 273](#)

(Aguiar-Curry D) Child care services: eligibility.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: The Child Care and Development Services Act requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer child care and development programs that offer a full range of services for eligible children from infancy to 13 years of age. Existing law establishes eligibility requirements and requires families to meet at least one requirement in each of 2 specified areas. This bill would include in the area relating to need, as a requirement that may be satisfied for purposes of eligibility, that the family needs the child care services because the parents are engaged in an educational program for English as a second language learners or to attain a high school diploma or general educational development certificate.

Support

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Support Letter](#)

[AB 300](#)

(Caballero D) Child care and development services: individualized county child care subsidy plans: Counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Clara, and Santa Cruz.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2022, the Counties of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz to develop individualized county child care subsidy plans, as specified. The bill would require the plans to be submitted by the counties to their local planning council and their respective county board of supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plans and any subsequent modifications to the plans.

Support

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[AB 312](#)

(O'Donnell D) School finance: special education funding.

Current Text: Amended: 2/28/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 1

Location: 5/26/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to phase-in equalization of SELPA funding rates to an unspecified percentile, commencing with the full implementation of the local control funding formula. The bill would also express the intent of the Legislature to establish a state funding mechanism to provide all local educational agencies with the funding necessary to establish high-quality preschool programs for California's preschool-age children with disabilities in order to give those children the best chance for educational success in the most cost-efficient manner.

[AB 377](#)

(Frazier D) Child care subsidy plans: Counties of San Diego and Solano.

Level 1

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Support

Summary: This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2023, the County of Solano to develop and implement an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Solano County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[AB 435](#)

(Thurmond D) Child care subsidy plans: Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, and Sonoma.

Level 1

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Support

Summary: This bill would authorize, until January 1, 2023, the County of Contra Costa to develop an individualized county child care subsidy plan, as specified. The bill would require the plan to be submitted to the local planning council and the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for approval, as specified. The bill would require the Early Education and Support Division of the State Department of Education to review and approve or disapprove the plan and any subsequent modifications to the plan.

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Floor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support](#)

[AB 540](#)

(Mullin D) Child care: alternative payment programs: reimbursement rates.

Level 1

Current Text: Amended: 3/23/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Location: 1/12/2018-A. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Summary: This bill would provide that it is the intent of the Legislature to create legislation that would establish an optional statewide child care and education subsidy policy program to increase and encourage county and regional collaboration among subsidized early care and education programs and providers in order to increase access to subsidized services for children and families, promote local flexibility to meet the unique needs of children and families in each county or region, and maximize the utilization of the allocated funding within the county or region.

[AB 603](#)

(Quirk-Silva D) Child care: alternative payment programs: child care providers: electronic payments: notice of service changes.

Level 2

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would require, on or before January 1, 2019, alternative payment programs to develop an electronic time sheet process for the monthly attendance record or invoices, as provided. The bill would require, beginning January 2, 2019, alternative payment programs to offer the electronic time sheet process to child care providers. The

bill would require, beginning January 1, 2019, alternative payment programs to offer to reimburse the child care provider via a direct deposit transfer into the child care provider's financial institution account. The bill would require, beginning July 1, 2018, alternative payment programs to provide written notice to a child care provider of any changes to service, as provided.

[AB 676](#)

(Limón D) Child care and development: occupational health and safety training.

Current Text: Amended: 6/29/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 9/1/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: This bill would, effective July 1, 2018, require an early educator, as defined, to attend a one-time, two-hour, peer-led training on occupational health and safety risks specific to the child care profession, and on how to identify and avoid those risks. The bill would require the Department of Industrial Relations to select an entity to provide this training. The bill would require that entity to develop the curriculum for the training and to provide periodic updates on health and safety issues for early educators who have completed the training, as specified.

[AB 752](#)

(Rubio D) Child care: state preschool programs: expulsion.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This bill would, under the Child Care and Development Services Act, prohibit a contracting agency from expelling or unenrolling a child because of a child's behavior unless the contracting agency has explored and documented all possible steps to maintain the child's safe participation in the program and determines, in consultation with the parents or legal guardians of the child, the child's teacher, and, if applicable, the local agency responsible for implementing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and that the child's continued enrollment would present a continued serious safety threat to the child or other enrolled children.

Support

[Governor Support Letter](#)

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)

[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)

[Senate Education Committee Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Support Letter](#)

[Assembly Human Services Support Letter](#)

[AB 952](#)

(Reyes D) Teachers: Bilingual Teacher Professional Development Program: bilingual teacher shortage pathways.

Current Text: Vetoed: 10/14/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/14/2017-A. VETOED

Summary: This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would provide professional development, including online professional development opportunities, for teachers who currently possess bilingual authorizations but have not provided bilingual instruction to pupils. The bill would also make related findings and declarations.

[AB 1106](#)

(Weber D) Child care and development services: alternative payment programs.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: The Child Care and Development Services Act requires the department to expand existing alternative payment programs and fund new alternative payment

programs to the extent that funds are provided by the Legislature. This bill would require an alternative payment program to have no less than 36 months to expend funds allocated to that program in any fiscal year, and would require the Superintendent of Public Instruction to develop a contracting process that provides alternative payment programs no less than 36 months to expend funds allocated to that program in any fiscal year.

[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)
[Senate Human Services Support Letter](#)
[Senate Education Committee Support Letter](#)
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)

AB 1304

(Melendez R) Public social services: CalKIDS: personal income taxes: exclusion.

Current Text: Amended: 4/17/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

Level 1

Location: 1/12/2018-A. FAILED TO PASS BEFORE DEADLINE

Summary: This bill would create the CalKIDS Savings Trust Fund and savings accounts within that fund for each beneficiary for the purpose encouraging and earmarking savings for the costs of child care, education, or other enrichment activities that will prepare the beneficiary for the future or higher education or for the purpose of taking care of elderly dependents. The bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018, would exclude from gross income the moneys deposited in a CalKIDS savings account.

SB 63

(Jackson D) Unlawful employment practice: parental leave.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 10/12/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would prohibit an employer, as defined, from refusing to allow an employee with more than 12 months of service with the employer, and who has at least 1,250 hours of service with the employer during the previous 12-month period, to take up to 12 weeks of parental leave to bond with a new child within one year of the child's birth, adoption, or foster care placement. The bill would also prohibit an employer from refusing to maintain and pay for coverage under a group health plan for an employee who takes this leave. The bill would provide that it would not apply to an employee who is subject to both specified state law regarding family care and medical leave, and the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Support

[Governor Support Letter](#)
[Senate Concurrence Support Letter](#)
[Assembly Floor Support Letter](#)
[Assembly Appropriations Support Letter](#)
[Assembly Judiciary Support Letter](#)
[Assembly Labor & Employment Support Letter](#)
[Senate Appropriations Support Letter](#)
[SB 63 Support Letter](#)

SB 78

(Leyva D) After school programs: grant amounts.

Current Text: Amended: 5/26/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 7/14/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would, for the 2017–18 fiscal year, and for each fiscal year thereafter, continuously appropriate an additional \$99,305,000 to the State Department of Education for purposes of the After School Education and Safety Program. The bill would, commencing with the increases to the minimum wage implemented during the

2018–19 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, require the Department of Finance to annually adjust the total program funding amount for each minimum wage increase using a specified calculation. The bill would require the State Department of Education to adjust the maximum grant amounts and related amounts in accordance with the amount provided for the program for the 2017–18 fiscal year.

[SB 213](#)

(Mitchell D) Placement of children: criminal records check.

Current Text: Chaptered: 10/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 10/12/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires the county welfare department, before placing a child in the home of a relative, nonrelative extended family member, prospective guardian, or another person who is not a licensed or certified foster parent or an approved resource family, to consider the results of a criminal records check, as specified. Current law prohibits the child's placement in the home if the person has been convicted of certain felonies. This bill would also (1) prohibit the final approval for an adoption placement, (2) prohibit the placement of a child in the home of a relative, nonrelative extended family member, prospective guardian, or another person who is not a licensed or certified foster parent or an approved resource family, and (3) prohibit licensure of a foster care provider applicant and approval of a resource family applicant, if an adult living in the home has been convicted of a violent felony, as defined.

[SB 401](#)

(Pan D) Child care facilities: state employees.

Current Text: Chaptered: 9/12/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2

Location: 9/11/2017-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires, when the state constructs, acquires, or receives as a gift an office building that can accommodate 700 or more state employees, adequate space to be designated within the building to meet the child care needs of those employees. Current law requires that the indoor area not exceed 2,100 square feet, nor be less than that required to accommodate 30 children, excluding space for restrooms, kitchen facilities, storage areas, and teacher offices and that the outdoor play area space correspond with the indoor play area as described in specified regulations. This bill instead would replace those space requirements with a requirement that the indoor activity space and outdoor activity space comply with requirements in the specified regulations.

[SB 426](#)

(Pan D) Community-based home visitation pilot program.

Current Text: Amended: 7/3/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1

Location: 9/1/2017-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires the Office of Child Abuse Prevention to evaluate implementation plans and award implementation grants to selected voluntary home visit programs. In order to ensure that implementation proposals reflect the prevention and early intervention focus of home visits, existing law requires the office to develop proposed criteria for awarding implementation grants in accordance with each plan's addressing of those elements. This bill would require particular focus on independently evaluated program models with regard to the office's development of the proposed criteria for awarding the implementation grants in accordance with each plan's addressing of those elements.

[SB 441](#) (**[Cannella R](#)**) **Alternative payment programs: reimbursement.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2 **Location:** 5/26/2017-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires reimbursement for alternative payment programs to include the cost of child care paid to child care providers, plus administrative and support services costs. Under current law, the total cost for administrative and support services is not permitted to exceed 17.5% of the total contract amount. This bill would provide that an alternative payment program that operates a total contract amount of less than \$3,000,000 shall receive a base support reimbursement that does not exceed 22% of the total contract amount.

Revenue and Governance

[AB 230](#) (**[Chávez R](#)**) **Personal income taxes: credit: dependent care.**

Current Text: Amended: 4/18/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1 **Location:** 5/26/2017-A. APPR.

Summary: This bill, the Personal Income Tax Law, in modified conformity to federal income tax law, authorizes a credit for household and dependent care expenses necessary for gainful employment, as provided. That law provides that the amount of the state credit is a percentage of the allowable federal credit, with the percentage dependent on adjusted gross income, as provided. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2017, would increase the amount of the applicable state credit percentage and revise adjusted gross income amounts, as provided.

[AB 274](#) (**[Garcia, Cristina D](#)**) **Sales and use taxes: exemption: food products.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/1/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1 **Location:** 1/8/2018-A. FAILED

Summary: Sales and use tax laws provide various exemptions from these taxes, including an exemption for food products for human consumption, as provided. This bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that defines the term “snack food” for the purposes of these laws.

[AB 963](#) (**[Gipson D](#)**) **Taxation: marijuana.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/30/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 1 **Location:** 6/1/2017-A. INACTIVE FILE

Summary: This bill would provide for the suspension or revocation of those permits, would authorize the board to deny an application for a permit if the applicant had previously been issued a permit that was suspended or revoked, among other reasons, and would set forth the process for appealing permit suspensions, revocations, and application denials. The bill would also impose specific criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment, for certain violations of the provisions relating to the cultivation and excise taxes on marijuana and would require funds derived from those fines and collected or paid to the board to be deposited into the Marijuana Tax Fines and Penalties Account, which this bill would create in the California Marijuana Tax Fund. By modifying the scope of a crime and imposing new crimes, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

[ACA 2](#) (**[Garcia, Cristina D](#)**) **Sales and use taxes: food products.**

Current Text: Amended: 5/1/2017 [html](#) [pdf_](#)

Level 2 **Location:** 1/8/2018-A. FAILED

Summary: This measure, on and after April 1, 2019, would require that any sales or use

tax levied by the State of California or any of its political subdivisions apply to the sale of, or the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, certain food products for human consumption. The measure would authorize the Legislature to exempt the sale of, or the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of, any food product from sales and use tax by a statute that becomes operative on or after November 7, 2018.

Strong and Engaged Families

- AB 568** (**Gonzalez Fletcher D**) **School and community college employees: paid maternity leave.**
Current Text: Vetoed: 10/15/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Level 2 **Location:** 10/15/2017-A. VETOED
Summary: Current law requires the governing board of a school district, and the governing board of a community college district, to provide for leave of absence from duty for an employee of the district who is required to be absent from duties because of pregnancy, miscarriage, childbirth, and recovery therefrom. This bill would instead require the governing board of a school district, and the governing board of a community college district, to provide for a paid leave of absence for an employee of the district who is required to be absent for those reasons.
- AB 992** (**Arambula D**) **CalWORKs: Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program.**
Current Text: Amended: 5/26/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Level 1 **Location:** 7/14/2017-S. 2 YEAR
Support **Summary:** This bill would, as of January 1, 2018, establish the Baby Wellness and Family Support Home Visiting Program that would require the State Department of Social Services to award funds to counties for the purpose of implementing or contracting with specified early home visiting programs to provide voluntary maternal, infant, and early childhood home visiting programs approved by the department and would authorize the funds to be used to coordinate early home visiting services with, among others, diaper bank services.
[Senate Human Services Committee Support Letter](#)
- AB 1127** (**Calderon D**) **Baby diaper changing stations.**
Current Text: Chaptered: 10/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)
Level 1 **Location:** 10/13/2017-A. CHAPTERED
Summary: This bill would require new construction or renovation, as specified, of a public building, as specified, that is owned by a state or a local agency, or a portion of a building that is owned by a state or local agency and includes at least one restroom that is open to the public, to provide on each floor level containing one or more restrooms that are accessible to the public at least one safe, sanitary, and convenient baby diaper changing station, as specified. The bill would require each station to be maintained, repaired, and replaced as necessary to ensure safety and ease of use, and to be cleaned with the same frequency as the restroom in which it is located.

Total Measures: 54

Total Tracking Forms: 54